

SIMSBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



"In Partnership With Our Community"

Child Passenger Safety Tips

- **TIP 1**: Everybody needs a child safety seat, booster seat, or safety belt. It is imperative to choose the seat that best fits your child and your vehicle.
- **TIP 2**: ALWAYS read the instructions that come with the child safety seat and the section on child safety seats in the vehicle owner's manual.
- **TIP 3**: The back seat is the safest place in a crash. Children age 12 and under should ride properly restrained in the back. Infants riding rear-facing must NEVER be placed in front of an active air bag.
- **TIP 4:** Age birth to 1, up to 35 lbs., must use an Infant-only or Rear-facing Convertible seat. Infants should remain rear-facing until they reach the height or weight limit of their car seat. Once limits are reached, children should be forward facing. THIS IS NOT A LAW YET, JUST A SUGGESTION.
- **TIP 5:** Age 1 to 4, over 20 lbs. and up to 40 lbs., must use a Convertible or Forward-Facing Only seat.
- **TIP 6:** Age 4 to 8, over 40 lbs., must use a Belt-Positioning Booster Seat, Backless Booster, or High-back Booster seat.

TIP 7: ALL CHILDREN WHO HAVE OUTGROWN CHILD SAFETY SEATS SHOULD BE PROPERLY RESTRAINED IN BOOSTER SEATS, IN THE BACK, UNTIL THEY ARE AT LEAST 8 YRS. OLD, UNLESS THEY ARE 4'9" TALL AND OVER 70 LBS.



For more information or to make an appointment for a child safety seat inspection, contact the Simsbury Police Department at 658-3100 ext. 4321. Please install the seat before making your appointment.

